

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 6 and 8-9, without prejudice, amend claims 1 and 7, and add new claims 11-16, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device having a first substrate, a second substrate, a liquid crystal inserted between the first substrate and the second substrate, and a seal provided between the first substrate and the second substrate so as to surround the liquid crystal, said method comprising:

dripping a liquid crystal in a region in an annular seal formed on a first substrate;

preparing a second substrate;

arranging a resin sheet on a surface of at least one of a first electrostatic chuck and a second electrostatic chuck arranged in a vacuum chamber;

holding one of the first substrate and the second substrate by said at least one electrostatic chuck via the resin sheet;

holding the other substrate by the other electrostatic chuck;

evacuating the vacuum chamber;

bonding the first substrate and the second substrate together in the vacuum chamber; and

opening the vacuum chamber to the atmosphere.

wherein a central portion of the resin sheet is placed on said at least one electrostatic chuck so as to be capable of being lifted from said at least one electrostatic chuck, and an end portion of the resin sheet is fixed to said at least one electrostatic chuck,

wherein the first substrate and the second substrate bonded together are lifted up from said at least one electrostatic chuck by a lift pin, and

wherein the resin sheet has a hole through which the lift pin can be inserted.

2. (Original) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the resin sheet comprises a porous resin sheet.

3. (Original) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein the resin sheet has a thickness in a range of not smaller than 10 μm but not larger than 1 mm.

4. (Original) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein the resin sheet has a dielectric constant of not smaller than 1.8.

5. (Original) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the electrostatic chucks have vacuum attraction passages.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim ~~6~~1, wherein the resin sheet is fixed to said at least one electromagnetic chuck by a magnet.

8-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein a resin sheet is arranged on the surface of the first electrostatic chuck and another resin sheet is arranged on the surface of the second electrostatic chuck.

11. (New) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further comprising the step of bending one or more portions of said resin sheet relative to said surface of said respective first or second electrostatic chucks after said arranging a resin sheet step and before said holding one of the first substrate and the second substrate step.

12. (New) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 11, wherein a central portion of the resin sheet is placed on said at least one electrostatic chuck so as to be liftable from said at least one electrostatic chuck, and an end portion of the resin sheet is fixed to sides surfaces of said at least one electrostatic chuck.

13. (New) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein a central portion of the resin sheet is placed on said at least one electrostatic chuck so as to be liftable from said at least one electrostatic chuck, and an end portion of the resin sheet is fixed to sides surfaces of said at least one electrostatic chuck.

14. (New) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device having a first substrate, a second substrate, a liquid crystal inserted between the first substrate and the second substrate, and a seal provided between the first substrate and the second substrate so as to surround the liquid crystal, said method comprising:

dripping a liquid crystal in a region in an annular seal formed on a first substrate;

preparing a second substrate;

arranging a resin sheet on a surface of at least one of a first electrostatic chuck and a second electrostatic chuck arranged in a vacuum chamber;

bending one or more portions of said resin sheet relative to said surface of said respective first or second electrostatic chucks;

holding one of the first substrate and the second substrate by said at least one electrostatic chuck via the resin sheet;

holding the other substrate by the other electrostatic chuck;

evacuating the vacuum chamber;

bonding the first substrate and the second substrate together in the vacuum chamber; and

opening the vacuum chamber to the atmosphere,

wherein a central portion of the resin sheet is placed on said at least one electrostatic chuck so as to be capable of being lifted from said at least one electrostatic chuck, and an end portion of the resin sheet is fixed to sides surfaces of said at least one electrostatic chuck.

15. (New) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 14,

wherein the first substrate and the second substrate bonded together are lifted up from said at least one electrostatic chuck by a lift pin, and

wherein the resin sheet has a hole through which the lift pin can be inserted.

16. (New) A method of producing a liquid crystal display device according to claim 14,
wherein the resin sheet is fixed to said at least one electromagnetic chuck by a magnet.